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FOR TARNOFF (S/S) FROM ATHERTON

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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE FOR SECRETARY'S TALKS
WITH GROMYKO

1. IN DRAFT BRIEFING MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY FOR HIS
MIDDLE EAST TALKS WITH GROMYKO WHICH I SENT YESTERDAY IN
GENEVA 3761, I SAID I WOULD WORK UP SOME POSSIBLE FORMULATIONS
FOR COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE DRAFT
IN PARA TWO BELOW IS A STARTER. IT IS BASED ON AND
ADHERES CLOSELY TO THE MARCH 31 MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE. THE
FIRST BRACKETED SECTION IS DESIGNED AS A COUNTERPROPOSAL
TO ANY EFFORT BY THE SOVIETS TO TRY TO SET A DATE FOR
RECONVENING GENEVA. THE SECOND BRACKETED SECTION COULD
BE USED TO COUNTER ANY SOVIET PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE
ABOUT PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNIQUE. I SUGGEST
GETTING NEA AND EUR TO LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT TO
ADD ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR
TO THEM, AND IF POSSIBLE PROVIDING THE SECRETARY WITH THIS
MATERIAL BEFORE HE DEPARTS IN THE EVENT HE HAS TIME TO THINK
ABOUT IT DURING HIS FLIGHT. I WOULD IN ANY EVENT APPRECIATE
RECEIVING BY CABLE BY TUESDAY WHATEVER THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS
THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

AS AGREED BETWEEN THEM IN THEIR MARCH 28-30, 1977 TALKS
IN MOSCOW, THE TWO SIDE HAD A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE QUESTION
OF RESUMING THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THEY

AGREED THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ABOUT THIS
QUESTION IN LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS EACH IS
HOLDING WITH VARIOUS MIDDLE EAST PARTIES. BRACKET: THEY ALSO
AGREED THAT THEY WOULD WORK FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
LATER THIS YEAR, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL
PREPARATION BEFORE THE CONFERENCE MEETS. CLOSE
BRACKET. THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THAT COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR, AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE, IS ESSENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT
A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. BRACKET:
IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS COOPERATION, THEY AGREED THAT
IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH MIDDLE EAST PARTIES THEY WOULD
CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
242 AND 338 CONSTITUTE THE BASIS -- ALTERNATIVELY, MUST
BE THE AGREED BASIS -- FOR THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.
CLOSE BRACKET.

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